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It makes no sense to deny kids to access to some of the best technology in the world as part of the settlement just for the purpose of giving Apple a leg up by forcing to MS to provide money to buy Apple software and products. If MS produces inferior products to Apple there could be an argument, but they are both good technology. It seems that schools could get more for their money if MS donates MS products as part of the settlement rather than having to purchase a competitors high priced products that are no better. Lets think of giving the schools more not less. Attempts to put MS out of business are misguided as it will become extremely expensive to hire technicians who are needed to resolve issues involved in making the switch. The technicians get rich and the schools loose.

How is it that Apple seems to dominate the market for elementary school computer technology. Have they engaged in unfair marketing?? Why can't the two work together and make their software interchangable for each others OS, rather than the government setting up a scenario where one will be put out of business. resulting in more of a dominance of the market.

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